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They were found guilty of a diabolical "scientific" murder of a schoolboy named Franks. They confessed in the dock that they were fired with normal existence, and that they had no motive except to accomplish "the perfect murder."

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**SIX YEARS HARD
FOR ASSAULT.**
CHINESE SENTENCED FOR
OLD OFFENCE.

Sentence of six years' hard la-
bour was passed on Fong Ping,
charged with three men unknown,
with assaulting Wong Sik-chuen,
at 60, Lai-chikok Road on March
27, 1929, with intent to rob, when
the proceedings came before the
acting Police Judge (Mr. R. E.
Linwood) at the Criminal Sessions
yesterday.

The jury found accused guilty
after a short retirement, and in
passing sentence, the Judge said
that the men had been certified
by the doctor as unfit for flogging.

Outlining the case, Mr. T. S.
Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown
Prosecutor) said that complainant
was a Chinese doctor of Lai-chi-
kok Road, where, in March 1929,
accused came to live. About 9
a.m. on March 27, four men visited
accused and he took them into his
cubicle. While the doctor's
family was seated having its morn-
ing meal, the five men suddenly
burst in from the cubicle. It was
alleged that two carried pistols,
two had daggers and the other
had small oranges, wire and pieces
of cloth, the usual accoutrements
of an armed-robbery gang, said
Mr. Whyte-Smith. One man stab-
bed the doctor in the head, and
he had to go to hospital, and the
wife was also slightly injured.
The wife cried out: "Go into the
cubicle and make yourselves rich,"
but when other members of the
family called out "Save Life," the
robbers became alarmed and left
the house.

Accused was arrested on
January 1 at Wanchai, went on
Mr. Whyte-Smith, and at an
identification parade, the doctor,
his grandson and nephew, who
were present when the alleged
robbery took place, picked out ac-
cused from 10 men. The doctor's
wife picked out no one, and his

FATAL 'BUS ACCIDENT.

INQUEST INTO DEATH OF
CHINESE BOY.

At Kowloon yesterday after-
noon, Mr. Hamilton, sitting with
a Jury, held an inquiry into the
circumstances surrounding the
death of a Chinese boy, Kwok
Ping, who was knocked down by
Kowloon motor bus, No. 684, and
killed in Shanghai Street, on
January 30.

After Dr. K. Uttley had deposed
to the injuries sustained by the
deceased, which in his opinion
were consistent with his having
been knocked down by a bus, the
boy's mother gave identification
evidence.

Mr. J. M. Alaraka, an eye-wit-
ness of the accident, said that he
saw the bus coming from the
direction of the Star Ferry along
Shanghai Street. He saw the boy
suddenly run across the street
followed by a little girl. The boy
was knocked down by the left
wheel of the bus, which came to
a stop about ten feet away. He
did not hear the horn sounded.
He was of the opinion that if any-
one was to blame it was the boy.

The driver of the bus said that,
seeing a boy run across the road,
he slowed down to allow him to
get clear and then started again.
Immediately he had done so an-
other boy crossed about four feet
in front of the bus and was knock-
ed down. He had no time to pull
up as he had hardly seen the boy,
who had suddenly emerged into
the street from behind a pillar.

The Jury returned a verdict of
"accidental death," exonerating
the driver from all blame.

daughter indicated accused, but
said she was not sure.

When charged accused had
said: "I have not had a revolver
or dagger," and told the Magis-
trate that he was not guilty.

**WINDFALL FOR THE
EXCHEQUER.**

LATE MR. MONTAGUE NAPIER
LEAVES £1,243,000.

London, Mar. 18.
The falling in recently of several
millionaire estates has relieved
pessimism as regards the falling
off in death duties.

The latest, which is most unex-
pected, is £1,243,000 left by Mr.
Montague Stanley Napier, former
chairman of Napier and Son
Limited, the motor-car and aero-
plane engine makers. Death duties
on the estate amount to £750,000.

Large sums are bequeathed on
the death of the widow to his chil-
dren and brother; while £10,000
and his properties at Dieppe and
household effects at Cannes go to
Norah Mary Fryer, to whom the
residue is bequeathed upon trust
for life; and £3,000 each is left to
two lady secretaries.

The remainder of the estate is to
be devoted to cancer research,
whether in the United Kingdom or
abroad. It is estimated that this
sum will eventually amount to
£700,000.

Mr. Napier designed the engines
for the Gloucester-Napier seaplane
used in the Schneider Trophy
races.—*Reuter.*

**JAPANESE TRADE
MISSION.**

TO STUDY CONDITIONS IN
HONGKONG & CANTON.

A Japanese trade mission consist-
ing of ten well known merchants
from Formosa arrived in the Colony
yesterday morning to study condi-
tions in Hongkong, Canton and South
China.

Members of this mission were
entertained at a dinner party by the
Japanese Consul yesterday evening.

The mission will proceed to Canton
to-day to make further studies re-
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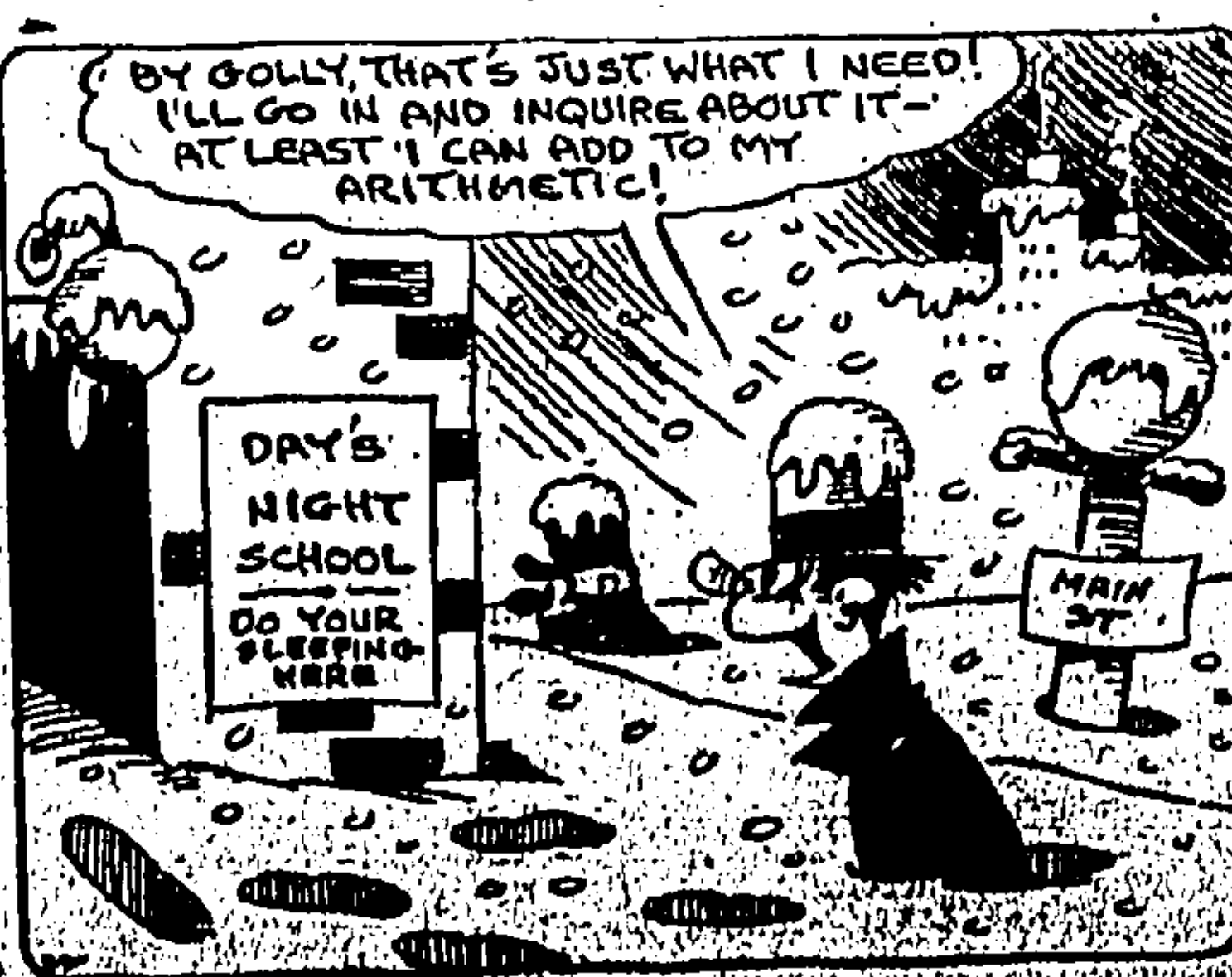
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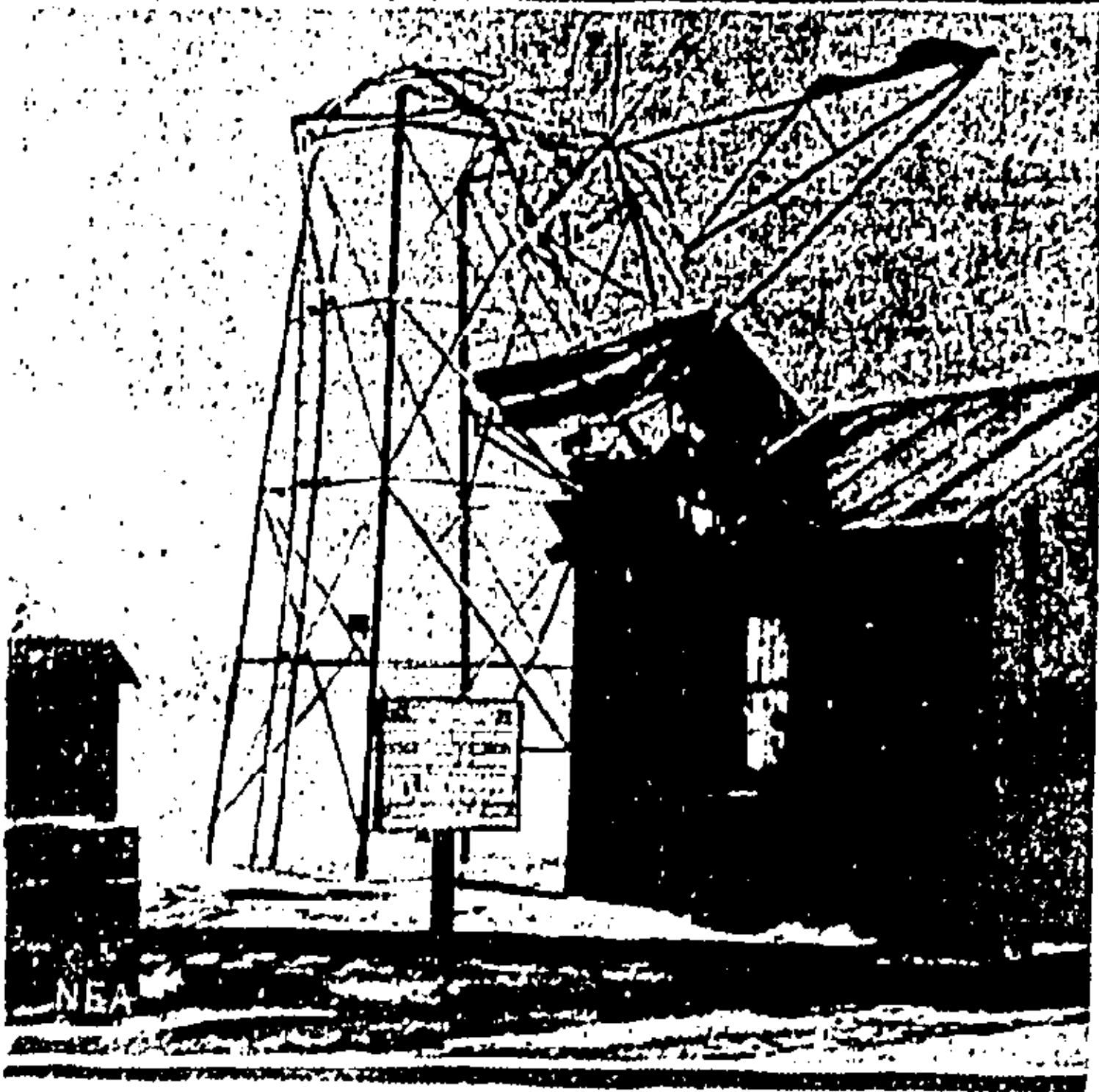
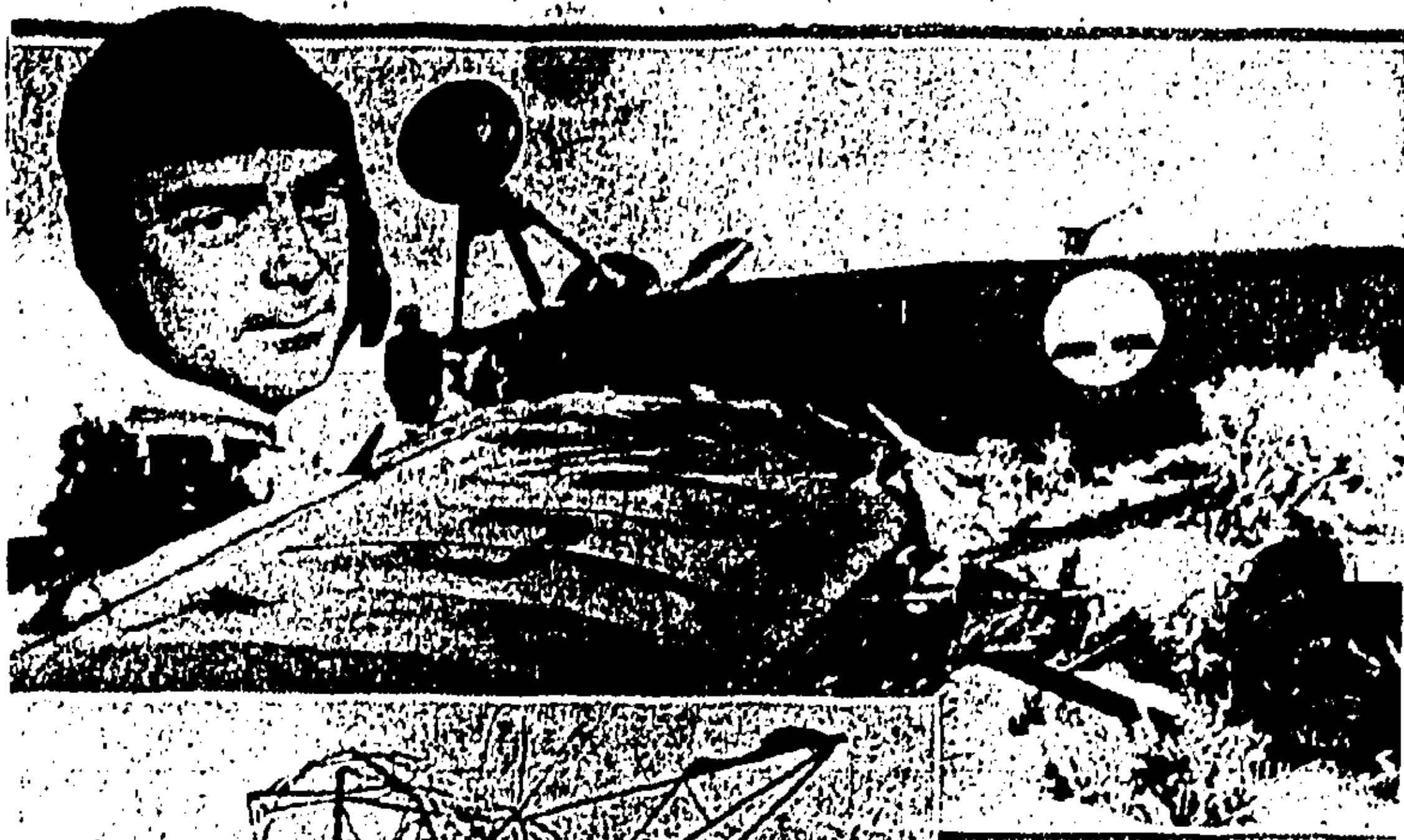
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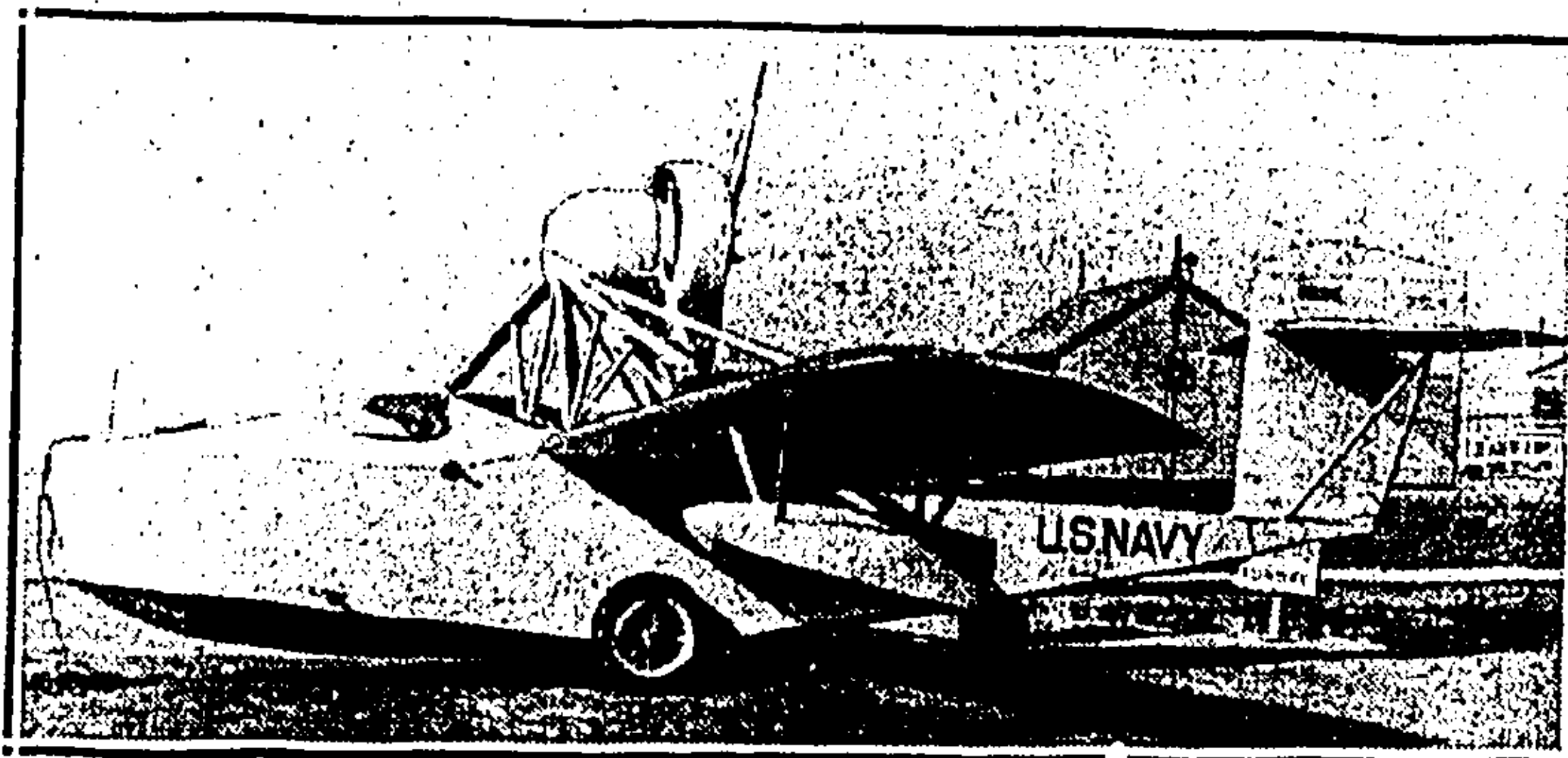
By Small



A remarkable air crash in which the manager of Elko airport was killed and a veteran air mail pilot seriously injured, occurred recently during a snowstorm. The plane crashed into a revolving beacon.



The remains of an American machine after a 1,000 foot nose dive. The pilots had a miraculous escape from death.



This wasp-like monoplane can be folded up and carried in a submarine. It has been specially designed for the U. S. Navy, its wing spread being 38 feet only.



Photo taken at Kingston, Jamaica, recently showing H. R. H. The Prince of Wales exchanging greeting with veterans of the war.



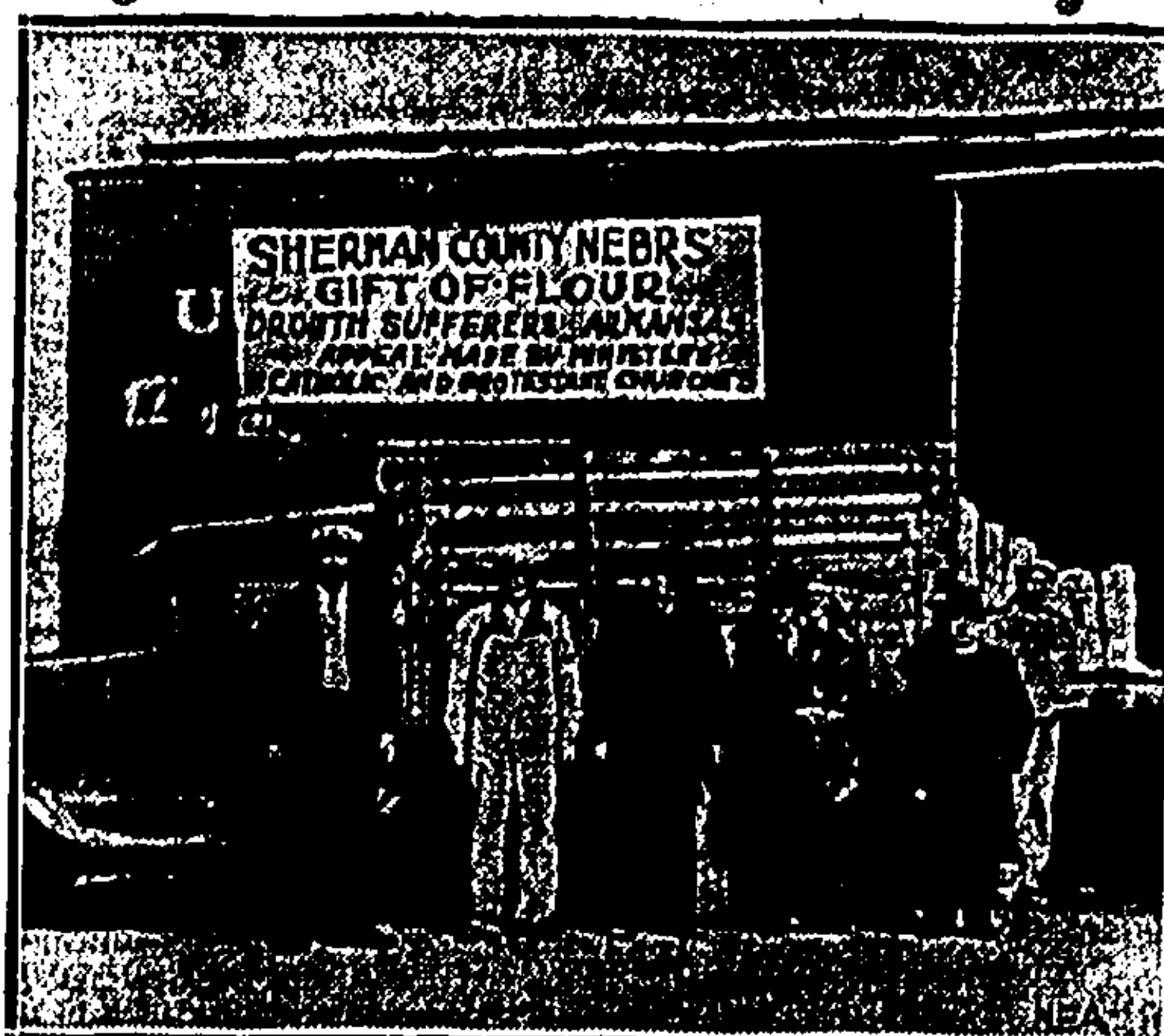
A group of telegraphers, members of the Soviet Red Army, being trained to go about their duties wearing gas masks. Russia is determined not to be unprepared in the event of another war.



Our picture shows the latest innovation in winter sports, ski gliding.



Mr. Julian Arnold, U. S. Commercial Attaché, who gave a reception in Shanghai recently on the tenth anniversary of the establishment of a branch of the U. S. Department of Commerce.



A truck-load of flour being sent to the drought-stricken area of America.

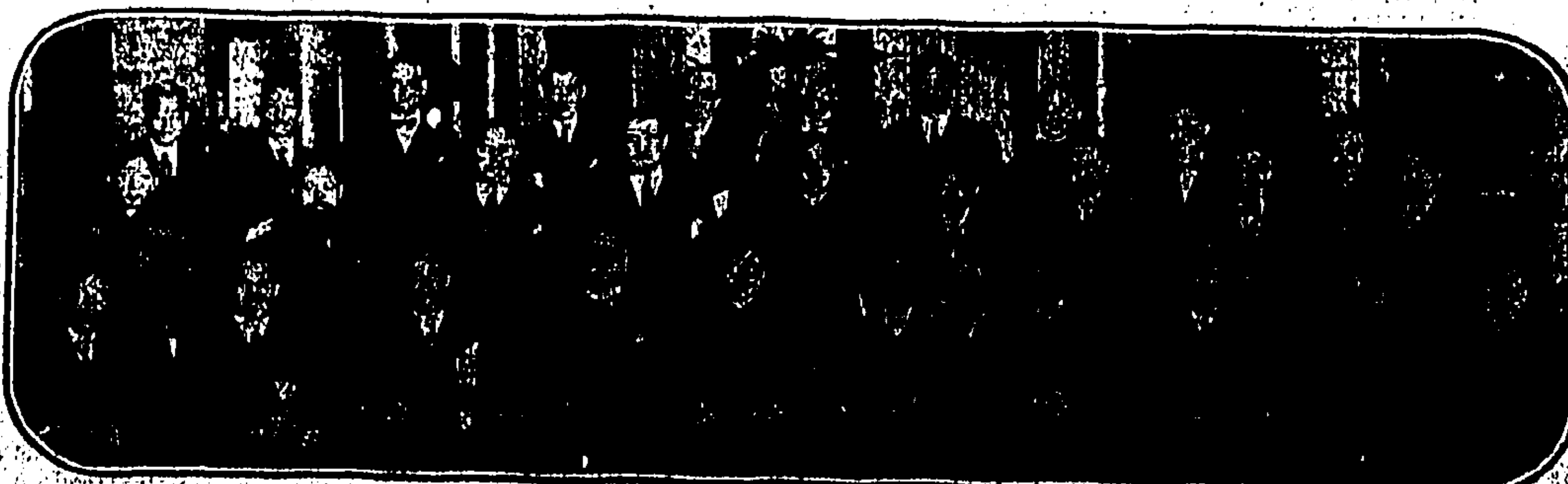


Photo taken when the British Economic Mission were entertained to dinner at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, by members of the National Government.



Mr. J. Gaudet, of the French Municipal Council, Shanghai, who passed through recently.

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Classification.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

ISSUE OF NEW SHARES.

The Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, have decided to offer the Shares of the New Issue to those persons who are registered as Shareholders at the close of business on the 31st March, 1931, upon terms and conditions which will be set out in the Form of Offer.

For THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1931, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th March, 1931, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 26th March, 1931, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED.
General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

UNION WATERBOAT CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Tuesday, the 31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts for 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd March to 31st March, 1931, both dates inclusive.

DOWELL & CO. LTD.
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HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Third Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (of 2500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, Payable on Wednesday, the 30th September, 1931, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m. on Friday, the 20th March, 1931. Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1931.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of the Lot of Crown Land at Repulse Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

PATHETIC DOCK SCENE

WEeping CHILDREN CLING TO MOTHER.

There was a pathetic incident at Consett (Durham) during the hearing of a charge against Mrs. Jane Hannah Benfold (36), of murdering her husband on December 6.

He was found dead in bed, and the wife was arrested on January 2. She has since been ill in gaol. There are two children, Gladys (10) and Ellen (7), and Mrs. Benfold's solicitor said arrangements were being made to admit them to the Cottage Homes.

Bursting into tears, they said they did not want to go. The children were lifted up to the dock rail so that their mother might persuade them, but they put their arms round their mother's neck and clung to her. Eventually a relative took them away.

Mr. Hope (prosecuting) said the case would be proved by circumstantial evidence. There was no direct evidence whatever. The wife had undoubtedly been badly provoked by her husband's associations with other women, and there were troubles about money.

The Allegations.

Mr. Hope said: The latest time the murder could have been committed was 4.30.

As the house was locked up before then the murder must have been committed before then unless an entrance was made in broad daylight.

The window was shut all day, but was open when the neighbour was called.

A canary cage was in the window and beneath it was a quantity of seed and dust. There was not the slightest sign of that having been disturbed.

Three dogs were in the house and always barked when a stranger came.

Neighbours heard no sound from the dogs.

Mrs. Benfold's clothing had been washed.

An axe belonging to the Benfolds was found under the coals in the coalhouse. It was coated with blood and hair.

Chairs had been carefully tilted up in the room as if to suggest, with the open window, that someone had entered and there had been a struggle.

The children, Gladys and Ellen, gave evidence as to leaving their father in bed when they went to school.

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SUNDAY CINEMAS.

PROBLEM OF AGREEMENT ON LEGISLATION.

The question of the opening of cinemas and theatres on Sundays will not be so easy of solution as many imagine.

Mr. Clynes has already told the House of Commons that he is endeavouring to get some agreement with the leaders of the two other parties, so that the matter may be dealt with in an "agreed" Bill.

The Home Secretary favours a scheme of local option.

In a matter like this, however, the party leaders may agree, but they cannot bind their followers; and legislation of every kind on the subject will have the opposition of members on both sides of the House, as well as of powerful sections of opinion outside it.

Already a group of seven Liberals and Socialists, headed by Mr. Foot, have given notice of opposition to the Bill of Mr. Toole to repeal the Sunday Observance Act of 1780.

Such a Bill as the Home Secretary has in mind would be left to the free vote of the House, and the second reading would then be carried.

Difficulties would then be met. Members are pointing out that the local option would result in the absurdities which now attend the licensing of public-houses in London. Cinemas, theatres, concerts and so on would be open in one area and closed in the next.

Mr. F. M. West, a neighbour, said that at 9 a.m. she heard unusual noises at the Benfolds. At 10.45 Mrs. Benfold looked up about the eyes and complained of a bad head. Mrs. Benfold said that her husband had gone to Newcastle at 7 a.m.

The hearing was adjourned.

CINEMA NOTES.

"MADAM SATAN" HAS FINE SPECTACLE.

"Spectacle," interpreted in terms of striking motion picture acts and costumes, has long been a term specially associated with the name of Cecil B. De Mille, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer producer-director. With his "Zeppelin Ball" of "Madam Satan", which will open at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, De Mille feels that he has achieved a worthy successor to the "Cinderella Ball" of "Forbidden Fruit", and the "Sack of Rome" in "Manslaughter."

De Mille's current appeal to eyes that love colour and charming draped human beings is laid aboard a Zeppelin, the property of Roland Young, a comedian of the piece. A meeting on the Zeppelin between Bob Brooks (Reginald Denny) estranged from his wife, Kay Johnson, with a mysterious "Madam Satan", provides the principal plot impetus of Jeanie MacPherson's story. The denouement takes place just as the airship is torn loose from its mooring mast, forcing the guests to jump in parachutes.

The story starts in the home of Angela and Bob Brooks, who have grown apart from each other, and in the bedroom of Trixie, the other woman. It is from these early scenes that the story proceeds to the airship.

On the Zeppelin special ballet numbers are presented by dance director Leroy Prinz, formerly of the Earl Carroll's "Varieties". These are "The Cat Ballet", the "Clock Ballet" and the "Ball of Mechanique," the latter featuring Theodore Kosloff as "Electricity."

"Love in the Rough".

Exclusive of being delightful entertainment, "Love in the Rough" gives us a new romantic team in Robert Montgomery, who is featured, and Dorothy Jordan.

The new film, a picturization of the stage play, "Spring Fever", opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre, serving as Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's introduction to the motion picture public of the two popular young players as romancers.

There is every reason to believe Montgomery and Miss Jordan will be together often again, the picture establishing the wisdom of the initial venture. Montgomery has the irresistibility of cocksure youth, captivating to the ladies and likable to the men at the same time. Miss Jordan, in a flattering bit of Southern femininity, sweetly appealing to both sexes and all ages. Although strictly a musical comedy—with plenty of music and freshly free of dancing chorus intrusions, substituting clever ensemble routines credited to the skillful Sammy Lee. Both Montgomery and Miss Jordan sing and dance pleasingly, their dual numbers being exceptionally well presented and devoid of stage artificiality and device. We know people don't generally start singing and dancing on the golf links but when they do in this entertaining film it seems quite all right and natural enough.

The music, by Dorothy Fields and Jimmy McHugh, is tuneful and catchy. There are two sure-fire hits, "I'm Learning a Lot From You" and "Go Home and Tell Your Mother", and the other five numbers are bound to win favour.

We couldn't very well continue to hand out bouquets without mentioning our old friend Benny Rubin and a new little girl, Dorothy McNulty, who is paired up with him for laughs. And gets them. Benny is a sort of caddy and Miss McNulty is a girl friend of Miss Jordan. Montgomery plays the shipping clerk who becomes a hero on the golf links.

It seems that Montgomery and Rubin are taken out to a ritzy golf club to coach a cranky old cuss, played by J. C. Nugent, so that he may win a contest. Montgomery meets Miss Jordan, the daughter of a millionaire, and not only falls in love but promptly marries her. After the knot is tied he realizes what a mean trick he has played on her and leaves. The next day, however, he wins the tournament, her father's sympathy and his wife again.

"Fashions in Love."

Charming Adolphe Menjou kept the audience at the Central Theatre last night in roars of laughter as he unfolded his idea of "Fashions in Love". The delightful comedy of a philanthropic celebrity and his understanding wife is probably one of the best vehicles that this sparkling star has had the opportunity of presenting and the performance is further enhanced by the lilting qualities of Menjou's voice.

"Fashions in Love", which opened a four days' run at the Central Theatre last night, is Adolphe Menjou's first venture into the realm of talking moving pictures. Picture-goers who have appreciated the rare fun and unusual talent of this star in the past will find him a hundred-fold more entertaining as he talks and sings his fine whimsical love making.

The story deals with the troubles of a famous concert pianist, devoted to his wife but intrigued by the seduction of his many women conquests. His wife looks on with an understanding smile during the rapid succession of love affairs until one escapade threatens to wreck another home. Then she steps in and quietly and effectively brings her erring husband back to his own fireside.

The story is light, lifting and splendidly performed. Menjou touches the heart with a sure touch that produces only laughter. Two exceptionally fine comedy players support him. Fay Compton and Miriam Segar, and the direction was in the hands of that master of cinema making, Victor Schertzinger.

If you have heard Schertzinger's latest song hits, "Delishious" and "I Still Believe in You", on the radio, you will enjoy them more when Menjou and Miss Compton sing them and Menjou plays the piano. There are so many things of interest in this greater Menjou picture that it takes a full evening to enjoy them all.

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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong have pleasure in announcing that the marriage of their eldest daughter Mary to Mr. Sai-Wa Liang, B. A. Oxon, will take place on Monday, 30th March, when a reception will be held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel at four o'clock the same afternoon. All friends are cordially invited to the Reception. No cards will be issued.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1931.

MR. BALDWIN AND THE
PRESS BARONS.

The war between Mr. Baldwin and the Press Barons is evidently to be one to the knife. The ex-Premier again showed himself in thoroughly fighting mood at the Queen's Hall, when he scathingly attacked the methods of the Press magnates. We imagine that the bulk of sober opinion will be with Mr. Baldwin, who has a long and honoured association with British politics, whose record has been marked by great sincerity and whose services to the nation have been of immense value. There may be differences of opinion in regard to his leadership of the Conservative Party, but so long as the majority of the Party is content that he shall be its head, it will become a professedly Conservative journal to maintain a bitter attack against him and to do all in their power to make his path difficult.

No objection can be taken to criticism of Party leaders, so long as it is confined within reasonable limits. Indeed, all public men must expect such criticism. The Press inevitably plays an important part in this connexion. But fair criticism is one thing; bitter, personal abuse quite another. The Beaverbrook and Rothermere organs, by their ruthless campaign against Mr. Baldwin, in which they stoop to personalities of the worst type, are certainly doing no service either to the Conservative Party or to British politics as a whole. Happily, they are not representative of the British Press, which, as Mr. Baldwin says, is the admiration of the world for fairness, ability and high principles. The "Stunt Press" could be tolerated if it displayed its whims and fancies on harmless subjects, but when it endeavours to dictate to the Conservative or any other Party what it shall and what it shall not do, it becomes a harmful element in the national life. There are recognised limits within which newspapers should

attempt to influence and guide public opinion, but "Government by newspaper," which is what the Beaverbrook-Rothermere faction aims at, must be condemned. Such tactics are an abuse of the privileges and the powers of the Press. Despite the fact that Mr. Baldwin has made concession after concession to the Press Barons, they continue the war against him, obviously animated by the sole desire of ousting him from the leadership of his Party. It all boils down to a question of personal enmity. The extent to which Mr. Baldwin's enemies are prepared to go was strikingly illustrated the other day when one of the Beaverbrook organs demanded that the ex-Premier disclose the names of those on whom he would rely for the formation of his next Cabinet. Naturally, the insolence of this step was met with a prompt refusal on the part of Mr. Baldwin. Doubtless the idea was entertained that if the list of "probables" contained names unpalatable to the Beaverbrook organ, a fresh campaign would be started to antagonise public opinion against these men. Methods such as these cannot be tolerated. They are so utterly contrary to British ideas.

We are afraid that personal vanity is behind much of the movement against Mr. Baldwin. The other day we encountered a lengthy article in one of the Rothermere organs suggesting Lord Beaverbrook as the next Conservative Premier, and setting forth in glowing terms all that he is supposed to have done to merit appointment to this post. The clumsiness of these tactics are apparent. What the Press Barons appear to overlook, or refuse to see, is that their methods are likely to result in the very opposite outcome from that which they profess to have in view. By running candidates against the official Conservative nominees, and thereby merely splitting the vote, they are causing dissension in the Party whose interests they profess to serve. In other words, they are making the way of the Socialists easy. But apparently nothing matters so long as they keep up their obsession of "Baldwin Must Go." In the long run, however, we fear that their tactics will sicken the public, which is always prepared to heed reasoned argument, but which immensely dislikes being dictated to and, above all, demands fair play in politics.

Hongkong Speeding Up.

The curtailment of what may be called time-distances has proceeded with such rapidity in all parts of the world that Hongkong is not likely to display excitement at the prospect of an air mail service to Croydon. The attitude generally is more likely to be that such a development is bound to come sooner or later, and that its nearness, by reason of the extension of the India service to Australia, passing through Singapore, is therefore of no more than passing interest. In view of the speed attainments of the past decade, some excuse for this blasé acceptance of the speeding up of communications between England and this Colony may be found. The whole world outlook on speed and transportation has undergone a remarkable change. It is not a century since promises of a speed of 25 miles an hour from steam engines provoked an outcry of ridicule from learned scientists, who suggested that such a proposition was against all natural laws! To-day, the public is inclined to accept almost any statement as the transport possibilities of the future. A week ago we were promised the provision within two years of facilities for speaking to relatives at home on the telephone. After that, it is not unnatural that the prospect of bringing London within ten days of Hongkong by mail fails to provide a thrill. If the plans now prepared are carried out, a fifteen-to-seventeen day service, should be available to Hongkong within the year. The inauguration of a

DAY BY DAY

IF ONE HALF OF THE WORLD DOES NOT KNOW HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES, IT IS NOT THE FAULT OF THE WOMAN NEXT DOOR.—George B. Deacon.

While carrying a load of building materials along the top of a wall at 100, Robinson Road, yesterday, a coolie made a false step and fell to the ground, from a height of 14 feet. He was killed on the spot.

Twelve months' hard labour was imposed on Leung Tai-shing, for having returned from banishment before the expiry of his term of ten years dating from 1920, by Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

"We did not know it was Crown land," pleaded five villagers, a man and four women, who were charged, before Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon this morning, with having trespassed in Kowloon. They were each fined \$5, or ten days.

A peculiar accident was reported to the police yesterday. The mother of a three-year-old girl, taking her child to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, with lacerated mouth, stated that the injuries were caused when the child fell from a bed with a chopstick in her mouth.

Toi Cheuk, a Police armourer, died suddenly at his home early this morning, after a short spell of illness. He was 60 years of age, and bore an excellent record of service, first with the Army Ordnance Corps and since 1924, with the Hongkong Police Force, in a civilian capacity.

Mrs. J. H. Hunt, of No. 3, King's Park Drive, was sent to hospital yesterday to receive treatment in consequence of being bitten above the left ankle by a pet dog, which appears to have attacked her without warning. The animal has been taken to the Maitland depot for observation.

Dropping to the ground when a plank between the bamboo staging and the veranda of the first floor collapsed, Yu Ho, a woman coolie, was taken yesterday to the Government Civil Hospital from a building under construction at Fleming Road. She received injuries to her head and shoulders, and her condition is reported to be serious.

On a charge of assaulting Sergeant M. Flaherty in the execution of his duty at Wan-chai yesterday, an Indian guard employed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company at North Point, appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning. Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the defendant and applied for a remand, the hearing being fixed for Monday next.

branch service to Hongkong has not yet come into the realm of Governmental negotiations, although the British Government's financial contribution to the Kai Tak air base development scheme tells us all we want to know in this connexion. We may, however, express the hope that the Colony will not be kept waiting too long. We read of a German authority forecasting the time when mails will be sent by rocket, the speed potentialities of which will be approximately 200 miles a minute! We are prepared to agree that this sounds very much like the American idea of "Service" but on the whole we think perhaps it would be better to push on with plans for employing the more leisurely aeroplane pending a solution of the rocket's accurate aim problem.



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THE COUNTRY OF THE

Why the Romance of Sail
has Passed to Finland.

CLIPPERS.

By SIR HERBERT RUSSELL.

WHEN the four-masted barque Garthpool foundered some two years ago the Red Ensign went down upon the era of masts and sheets in the Mercantile Marine. Now that there are no longer halliards nor handspikes to chanty over, we listen to wireless baritones in much too-refined versions of the songs the old shellbacks croaked and falsetted, and deplore the vanishing of the romance of sail. But it has only vanished so far as this country is concerned.

During the past three weeks eight great sailing ships have set out from Australian ports upon an ocean regatta reminiscent of the apocryphal days of the China tea clippers. They are racing home with wheat, and victory will go to the vessel which makes the voyage in the shortest time. All these vessels are flying the white flag with a bold pale cross of the Finnish Merchant Service. The romance of sail has now passed to Finland. She owns twenty-six of the world's ocean-going square-riggers—more than all the other nations put together.

Her genius is Captain Gustaf Erikson of Mariehamn. For years past he has travelled countries in which shipowners could no longer make sail pay, buying their vessels. There are no Board of Trade restrictions nor Trade Union prohibitions in Finland and so individual enterprise is still permitted to have "ideas." Captain Erikson believes that the sailing ship is able to pay as a freight carrier. But she must be run on economic principles which, apparently, the other maritime countries will not allow.

The Erikson ships are much under-manned, by our standard. The "flagship," *Herzogin Cecilie*, a four-masted barque of over 3,000 tons, with masters nine hands to a watch and half of these are apprentices and boys. When the German-owned her she mustered about forty hands to a watch. Yet these Erikson vessels have a world repute amongst seamen as "happy ships," and it is quite safe to predict very keen seamanship in the annual regatta which has just started. You do not get keen seamanship amongst disgruntled seamen.

Four of the vessels which are racing home with grain are ex-British. These are the *Archibald Russell*, *Lawnhill* and *Melbourne*, all four-masted barques, and the *Favell*, a three-masted barque. Of the others the *Herzogin Cecilie* and *Penang* are ex-German, the *Viking* ex-Danish, and the *Ponape* ex-Italian. Amongst them these clippers are carrying 30,000 tons of wheat, and, on the average, each ship is about three times the burden of the old China tea clippers. But will they equal the performances of those famous vessels? If they could get and maintain their own weather throughout the voyage the answer would be rather doubtful. As this is impossible it is not at all doubtful.

The great modern clipper of round about 3,000 tons is a very long, narrow-gutted vessel. Her sail area is relatively very much smaller than that of the China clippers. In a hard wind and

lumpy sea the big ship should have the advantage: her momentum would carry her through waves with less of that staggering halt which a light ship makes.

But, taking the record of the Erikson fleet, none of the vessels can approach the old clippers. The "champion" is the *Herzogin Cecilie*. In 1927 she beat by three weeks the next best of sixteen other square-riggers which came home from Australia with wheat. She made the passage from Port Lincoln to Queenstown in eighty-eight days. This is good but far from remarkable. During a voyage from Melbourne to Taitai, in Chile, she covered 21,600 knots in a week, or, slightly averaging fourteen knots before the fierce Westerlies. Also good, but not remarkable.

The maiden feat of the Aberdeen clipper *Thermopylae*, built in the Sixties for the tea trade, has never been beaten by sail between this country and Australia. She arrived at Melbourne sixty-nine days after clearing from the Thames. In 1862 the *Sovereign* of the Seas averaged 300 knots a day for eleven days. For four days in succession her log showed 333 knots precisely, probably the most extraordinary display of uniform speed for over ninety hours on end ever given by a sailing ship.

Her greatest performance was on the 18th of March of the following year, when she ran 411 miles. On arriving home and claiming this as a record, the *Sovereign* of the Seas learnt that, in the previous January, the *Red Jacket* ran 417 miles in a day. In July, 1863, this wonderful clipper, swept across 3,185 miles of the Southern Ocean in ten days.

The "Fifties" were fruitful of speed records by square-riggers. The *Lightning* established the greatest twenty-four hours' run ever made by a sailing ship, logging 432 nautical miles. The fastest recorded speed through the water for a sailing ship was made by the *James Baines* on June 18, 1866. The entry in her log-book is as follows: "8.30 p.m. In all star-board stud-sails. Ship going 21 knots with main-sky-sail set."

The China tea clippers were designed and built to win races quite as much as are yachts. They were the wind by a prodigality of canvas—often silk—which would soon bankrupt the Erikson vessels not only in the cost of providing but in the crews to work. Such vessels as the *Tai-ping*, *Undine*, *Sir Lancelot*, *Flory Cross*, and *Aerial*, all less than one-third the tonnage of the *Herzogin Cecilie*, carried crews of about forty hands. Many of them possessed silk "balloon" sails made for them at Tientsin or Foochow. They set such cat-spar cloths as angel's footstools, water sails, and ring-tails. They had the holst where the modern ship has the spread.

That those famous old ships were driven hard is sufficiently shown by their performances. A vessel might make a record voyage by being able to keep going across the doldrums and without any remarkable twenty-four hours' run. But the twenty-four hours' record means gale sailing, and this belongs to the old clippers just as do the voyage records.

Lovers of the sea owe a debt to the Finns—and, in much less degree, to the Germans and the French—for keeping sail alive. Captain Erikson is demonstrating to the shipowning world that trading by wind-power can still be made to pay. If its employment is not rendered prohibitory by legislation and trade unionism. Mr. A. J. Villiers, who made a voyage in the *Herzogin Cecilie* for very much the same reason that R. H. Dana, eighty years before him, sailed in the brig *Pilgrim*, has written: "She is well-found and well-kept; but it is doubtful if her entire wage bill exceeds £150 a month. If she were a British ship even with the same crew as she now carries—and she would probably have more—it would be nearer £400. That may not seem so vital a factor in theory, but it is a very big one in actual practice, since the sailor must work upon such a narrow margin to get a profitable freight at all."

That is why the last clipper has passed from under the Union Jack.

Miss Violet Capell announces that the gross takings from the two entertainments given at the Theatre Royal on the 4th and 5th instant amounted to \$1,501. In the meantime she is forwarding a draft to the London Hospital for £10, and is also making some donations to deserving local charities. (Miss Capell also wishes to thank all her pupils who have generously contributed towards the gift which has been presented her.)

VESSEL MYSTERY SOLVED.

LAUNCH'S DISTRESS SIGNALS AFTER GROUNDING.

SINCE REFLOATED.

How a report came to be circulated on Tuesday evening to the effect that a ship was in distress in the vicinity of Capsulmum Pass was explained this morning when Tung Chung, the coxswain of the steam launch Hoi On, reported to the Harbour Office that his launch went aground whilst bound for Tsunwan.

It will be recalled that the Harbour authorities were notified that distress signals had been seen at Capsulmum on Tuesday evening, and as a result the rescue tug Kausing was sent out. On arrival at Capsulmum, the Kausing could find no sign of any vessel in distress, and after cruising around for a while, she returned to harbour.

River steamers passing through Capsulmum were also notified of the occurrence and asked to keep a look-out, but as far as can be gathered, nothing was seen by any vessel.

It appears from the coxswain's story that the Hoi On went aground at a spot running out from the foreshore at a point on Ching Hui Island to the north of So Kiu Tai village. This happened at about 9 p.m., and according to the coxswain, it was raining heavily and the sea was very rough.

There were altogether 10 men on the Hoi On which was not carrying any cargo. Distress signals were sent out, where the crew discovered that they could not get the launch off. These signals were noticed and Hongkong was immediately communicated with.

The owners of the Hoi On sent out another vessel yesterday to get her off, and this was accomplished at high tide last night.

The Hoi On has now returned, and an examination has revealed that she has not been damaged.

JAPANESE NAVAL VISIT.

TRAINING SQUADRON ARRIVES IN PORT.

Vice-Admiral M. Sakonji, the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Training Squadron, arrived in port yesterday on board the flagship Yakumo, which was accompanied by the warship Inazuma. He visited His Excellency the Governor yesterday morning and Sir William Peel, in turn, made an inspection of the Japanese ships.

The two vessels carry 180 cadets who are making a training cruise through the China ports and as far as India. Three "bus loads" of the cadets made a sight-seeing tour through the Colony yesterday.

The cadets left Yokohama on March 5, and visited Formosa before coming here. According to the Japanese Consul, the ships will not leave here until March 20.

A dinner was held last night at the Hongkong Hotel, given by the Japanese Consul, Mr. Yoshida. Among the guests were—H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, H.E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Commodore A. H. Walker, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and members of the Consular body.

EMPIRE PROSPERITY.

SIR ROGER KEYES' CONFIDENCE.

Portsmouth, Feb. 15. Presiding at Portsmouth Brotherhood meeting this afternoon Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes took Kipling's "Recessional" as the text of a message which he gave to the Empire.

"We are not living in very happy times," he said. "At our seaports there is the distressing sight of hundreds of ships rusting at their moorings, and one-third of the personnel of the mercantile marine are unemployed."

"There is a steady decline in our naval expenditure and an equal rise in the naval expenditure of most other countries, but although it looks bad at present I have the most unbounded faith in the sound sense of the British people, and I have the utmost confidence that our Empire's prosperity, which has always followed in the wake of sea enterprise, will be restored."

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is now central over mid-Japan. Moderating monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

FINE VIENNESE ORCHESTRA.

NEW ATTRACTION AT THE EUROPE HOTEL.

From March 1st, the Europe Hotel, Singapore, have enjoyed the services of Mr. Robert Drecher's Viennese Orchestra which has come to Singapore with a high reputation for providing good music. Mr. Drecher, himself a violinist, is well known in the musical world. The son of the famous Australian conductor, he provided the music at some of the leading hotels in England for many years. While in Vienna he received the silver medal of the Royal Victorian Order from King Edward VII.

For the last year and a half the orchestra has played at the Mount Lavinia Hotel, Colombo, and has been exceedingly popular. Its rhythm for dancing and its manner of rendering music of a more serious nature being much admired.

Before the retiring Governor, Sir Herbert Stanley, left Ceylon, his private Secretary wrote to Mr. Drecher as follows: "Sir Herbert desires me to tell you that Lady Stanley and he have appreciated very highly the pleasure which your orchestra has given them, both in their own house and elsewhere, when you have played before them. His Excellency knows that the music-loving public of Colombo has greatly enjoyed the opportunity of hearing such good artists, and that all the very many hundreds who have danced to your playing will long remember you and the other members of your orchestra with gratitude."

\$200 FINE FOR OVERLOADING.

SECOND OFFENCE WITHIN A MONTH.

For the second time this month, Capt. D. Bousfield appeared at the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hote, R.N., to answer a summons for allowing the s.s. Tai Lee, of which he was master, to be overloaded at about 7 p.m. on March 17 at the Ping On Wharf.

Mr. T. Low, of the Harbour Office, prosecuted. In pleading guilty to the charge, Capt. Bousfield said he was not on board the vessel on the afternoon of the 17th. The people on the ship took on cargo before putting on bunker coal, with the result that after the latter had been added, the ship became overloaded.

His Worship remarked on the frequency of overloading cases recently, and said that Capt. Bousfield was responsible for what happened on board his ship, even if he was not present. He must take a serious view of the case, he said, and imposed a fine of \$200.

WORE STOLEN COAT IN COURT.

CHAUFFEUR ARRESTED AND SENTENCED.

Taken somewhat by surprise, a Chinese, who was among the daily crowd of spectators in the Central Police Court listening to the cases yesterday, was called out of the court by the police and promptly arrested on a charge of theft of an overcoat, which he was wearing at the time.

The man had been pointed out to the police as having stolen the overcoat from the Motor Drivers' Guild at 531, Queen's Road, West, where it had been taken from the owner who was asleep at the time. After the theft the man had disappeared and was unexpectedly seen at the Magistrate's yesterday.

When brought before Mr. Schofield this morning, his Worship told that the defendant had formerly been a motor driver but had had his licence cancelled on account of his bad record. Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed.

AFTERMATH OF THE IRISH BALL.

BAR BOY STEALS FOOD AND LIQUOR.

Lau Hing, bar boy at the Peak Hotel, was charged, before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with the theft of a bottle of whisky, two bottles of beer, two bottles of porter, two napkins, 9 cigarettes and food, all for the total value of \$33, from the Peninsula Hotel, yesterday.

The defendant pleaded guilty. Mr. Hamilton:—Is this the aftermath of St. Patrick's Ball?

Detective Sergeant Kellett:—Yes, sir. The accused is the bar boy at the Peak Hotel, and was engaged for the night. He was arrested in Fadder Street.

Mr. Hamilton: Imposed sentence of three months' hard labour.

THE PERJURY CASE CONTINUED.

QUERY ON STAMP OFFICE DATING.

WITNESS DESIRED.

The case in which Fauja Singh is charged with perjury was continued before Mr. Justice Wood and a jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when his Lordship expressed a desire to have a witness called from the Stamp Office to give evidence with regard to the stamping of promissory notes.

The matter arose on examination of certain promissory notes produced by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who, instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios, is defending accused, when Mr. Remedios, giving evidence, testified that he signed certain notes on certain dates, while the dates put on the Stamp Office were different dates. It was in the witness stand that his Lordship said he would like to hear a witness from the Stamp Office, and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, prosecuting for the Crown, after remarking that it was a serious matter, said he would try to arrange for such a witness to be called.

Witness said he signed a note for \$140 on September 29, 1930. He also wrote the note on that date and when he did so the red stamp was already affixed. His Lordship pointed out that the date on the stamp was October 21, 1930.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said that some words to the effect that \$225 would be accepted in full settlement, on the bottom of the note, were not written by him, and he did not know who had written them.

Regarding an undated note, witness said he could not remember when he signed it, but he wrote the body of it. Dealing with a third note, witness stated that the body of it was written by Robertson and the red stamp was on it. He (witness) signed it on the date it was written. The case is proceeding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Electricity Charges.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—On behalf of the general consumers of electricity in this Colony (of whom I am one) I should like at an early stage to point out that on the face of the financial position of the Hongkong Electric Company there can be no possible justification for an increase in charges, threatened by the Chairman at Wednesday's meeting.

On a capital of \$4,500,000 a net profit of \$1,664,449 is earned, after providing the huge sum of \$587,165 for depreciation. A dividend of 25 per cent. is declared; a further \$500,000 has been placed to reserve (bringing reserves up to \$3,300,000); and the largest sum in the history of the Company is carried forward to next account.

It needs further to be pointed out that no less a sum than \$2,400,000 has been written off for "depreciation" in the last six years, this being a valuable hidden reserve; and that in July, 1928, the sum of \$1,500,000 was taken from reserve and issued to shareholders in the form of bonus shares. With reserves now standing at \$3,300,000 it is proposed at some near future date to issue further bonus shares?

Surely, it cannot be contended on the face of published figures like the above that shareholders have not been treated really handomely, and neither can it be said that the Company needs more money from its customers to swell the enviable reserves (visible and hidden) which its report discloses.

I agree with the shareholder who hoped that the Company will avoid increasing its charges—not for the reasons he gave, but because it is against the public interest that a public utility company should lavish its shareholders with profits at the expense of the consumers.—Yours, etc., MODERATE USER.

Lady Peel has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony of an exhibition at the Pe Leung Kuk on Friday morning at 11 a.m. when a variety of work made by the women inmates of this institution will be on display. The foundation stone of the new Pe Leung Kuk on Leighton Hill Road will be laid by His Excellency the Governor on Monday, March 23, at 3 p.m.

Professor L. Forster, M.A. will deliver a lecture on "The Position of Chinese Study" on Wednesday, 25th March, at 8.30 p.m. in the Union Assembly Room, when the next meeting of the Education Society will be held. The lecture is open to the public, and all interested are welcome.

GENERAL BAIRD KILLED.

SECRETARY OF CARLTON CLUB.

London, Feb. 21.

Brigadier-General Alexander Walter Baird, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Secretary of the Carlton Club, Pall Mall, London, was killed in a motor collision on the main London road between Basingstake and Winchester last night.

A woman passenger, who had not been identified up to a late hour last night, was seriously injured. She was taken to the Royal Hampshire County Hospital at Winchester, and is in an unconscious condition.

Brigadier-General Baird was driving his car, and had passed a stationary steam threshing tackle, when the car came into head-on collision with a motor-coach travelling in the opposite direction. The car was so badly damaged that it could not be removed bodily.

General Baird was placed on the roadside, but died within half an hour without regaining consciousness.

The front of the motor-coach was damaged, and four or five passengers received minor injuries to the head and face through flying glass and through being bumped against the roof of the coach. The driver of the coach, Mr. H. Sellar, of Bournemouth, escaped injury.

General Baird's Career.

Brigadier-General Baird, who was 64, was formerly in the Gordon Highlanders.

Educated at Eton and New College, Oxford, he entered the Army in 1897, and served in the South African War, being mentioned four times in despatches and obtaining the brevet of Major and the D.S.O.

He was in the Mohand Expedition of 1908, and distinguished himself greatly in the European War. He was mentioned in despatches nine times, was awarded the C.M.G. and the C.B., and secured the brevet of Lieutenant-Colonel and also that of Colonel, as well as the Croix de Guerre and Commandership of the Legion of Honour and of the Order of the Redemptor. He also had the 1914 Star with clasp.

He was head of the British Mission to Bulgaria in 1929 and in the following year became British Military Attaché in Madrid. He was subsequently for four years Attaché in Constantinople. He retired from the Army in 1924. General Baird was a son of Sir Alexander Baird, Bt., and of Anna, daughter of the first Lord Halden, and was a brother of Lord Stonehaven, who was recently Governor-General of Australia. He married in 1907 Maud Constance, daughter of the late Dr. Waylen, India Medical Service, and leaves a son.

OLD STREET NAMES.

CHANGE RESENTED BY CITY CORPORATION.

Considerable alarm is being felt at the number of traditional street names in London which are disappearing. The latest case is reported from the City, where the London County Council have decided to change the name of Charles-street, Cripplegate, to Garter-street.

The matter came up for discussion at a meeting of the City Corporation; out, although objections were raised to the removal of the old name, nothing, it was stated, could be done to revoke the L.C.C.'s decision.

An official of the City Corporation explained that the Corporation, under the London Building Act of 1930, had no powers to override the L.C.C., if that body chose to alter the name of any street in the City.

In the present case, it has been stated in defence of the L.C.C. that there are already too many Charles Streets in London. If this is so, it is curious that the street in Cripplegate, the origin of whose name is lost in antiquity, should suffer, while at least four Charles Streets in various parts of London, whose names date back less than 70 years, are allowed to remain as they are.

"Uniformity" at Hatfield.

It is generally felt that some effective curb should be imposed on public authorities, so as to prevent them from changing street names regardless of historical and local associations. A peculiarly aggravated case has recently occurred in the old-world town of Hatfield, in Hertfordshire. There a "progressive" District Council has come to the conclusion that the traditional naming of houses and streets is not good enough, and it has made a start by ordering every householder in one part of the town to place a number on his front door.

This numbering was carried out regardless of existing names of houses, and without reference to the numbering of existing streets; and, in order to ensure a rigid uniformity, a fine of 40s. was threatened in the event of non-compliance.

ABRUPT ENDING OF TRIAL.

PRISONER CHANGES PLEA AND ADMITS GUILT.

GETS THREE YEARS.

The story of how six men assaulted the woman occupant of 41, Peel Street, with intent to rob her, and how their plan failed by reason of an early alarm being given, was told at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before Mr. Justice Lindell and a jury, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith. The case concerned Chan Cheung, alias Lam Yit, the indictment against him being that on January 22, this year, together with five other persons, unknown, he assaulted the So with intent to rob her. Accused, who was alleged to have been one of the men, denied the charge.

In outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. Whyte Smith told the jury they would hear evidence to the effect that accused called on about January 10 to enquire about renting a cubicle which had been advertised. After some haggling over price, he left without any business being done, but on January 22, he returned, and when the door was opened by the amah, he walked in with five other men. They talked about renting the cubicle for a short time, when two of the men produced daggers and a toy pistol. They seized both the mistress and amah, but the former shouted for help and her cries attracted the attention of people living on the floor above. They came downstairs to the rescue and the robbers made good their escape, dropping the daggers and pistol in a passage and on a landing.

Mr. Whyte Smith continued that accused was arrested in Holly-wood Road and was identified by complainant at an identification parade. She was very nervous and, in fact, she faint at the parade. There was no other identification as the amah, very shortly after the attempted robbery, went to the country and had not returned.

Dealing with accused's statement when charged, Mr. Whyte Smith said it was a very important one and was incriminating. The statement was "I did go up. I did not seize hold of the woman. I stood inside the rear cubicle. As soon as the woman shouted out, I went away."

In conclusion, Mr. Whyte Smith explained to the jury that if accused was present and shared the common purpose, even though he did not lay a finger on the women, he was equally guilty with the others. The hearing of the case came to an abrupt ending, when after the Crown Case had closed, accused was asked if he desired to give evidence. He replied that he did and decided to change his plea to one of guilty, and the jury was accordingly instructed to bring in a formal verdict to that effect. Sentence of imprisonment for three years was imposed.

TRADE WAR WITHOUT DEFENCE WEAPONS.

MR. N. CHAMBERLAIN ON COMING POLITICAL CHANGE.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, speaking at Edgbaston, Birmingham, declared that the country was on the threshold of a great political change.

The system of Cobden, however well adapted it may have been to the conditions of his day, had proved itself completely inadequate to cope with modern developments and modern needs.

"From one end of the country to the other," he said, "people today are realising that we in this country are engaged in an industrial warfare with other nations in which we have voluntarily deprived ourselves of all our weapons of defence."

"If we are to have a chance to reduce the terribly increasing volume of unemployment we have to protect our home markets from the unfair foreign competition which is taking the bread out of our mouths and threatening the standard of life of the whole nation."

Dr. Li Shu Pui's lecture "Post Graduate Studies Abroad" which was postponed by the Hongkong University Medical Society, will take place on Tuesday next at 5.15 p.m. at the Union Assembly Room. All are cordially invited.

Mr. R. A. H. Pensonby-Pane, L.L.D., was a passenger on the outgoing Tatara Maru. Mr. John Manners was also a passenger on the same ship.

The annual dinner of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hongkong will take place at Lane Crawford's Restaurant on March 21, at 8.15 p.m.

Mrs. F. J. de Rome is to distribute the prizes at the Queen's College sports at Causeway Bay on Saturday, 28th instant.



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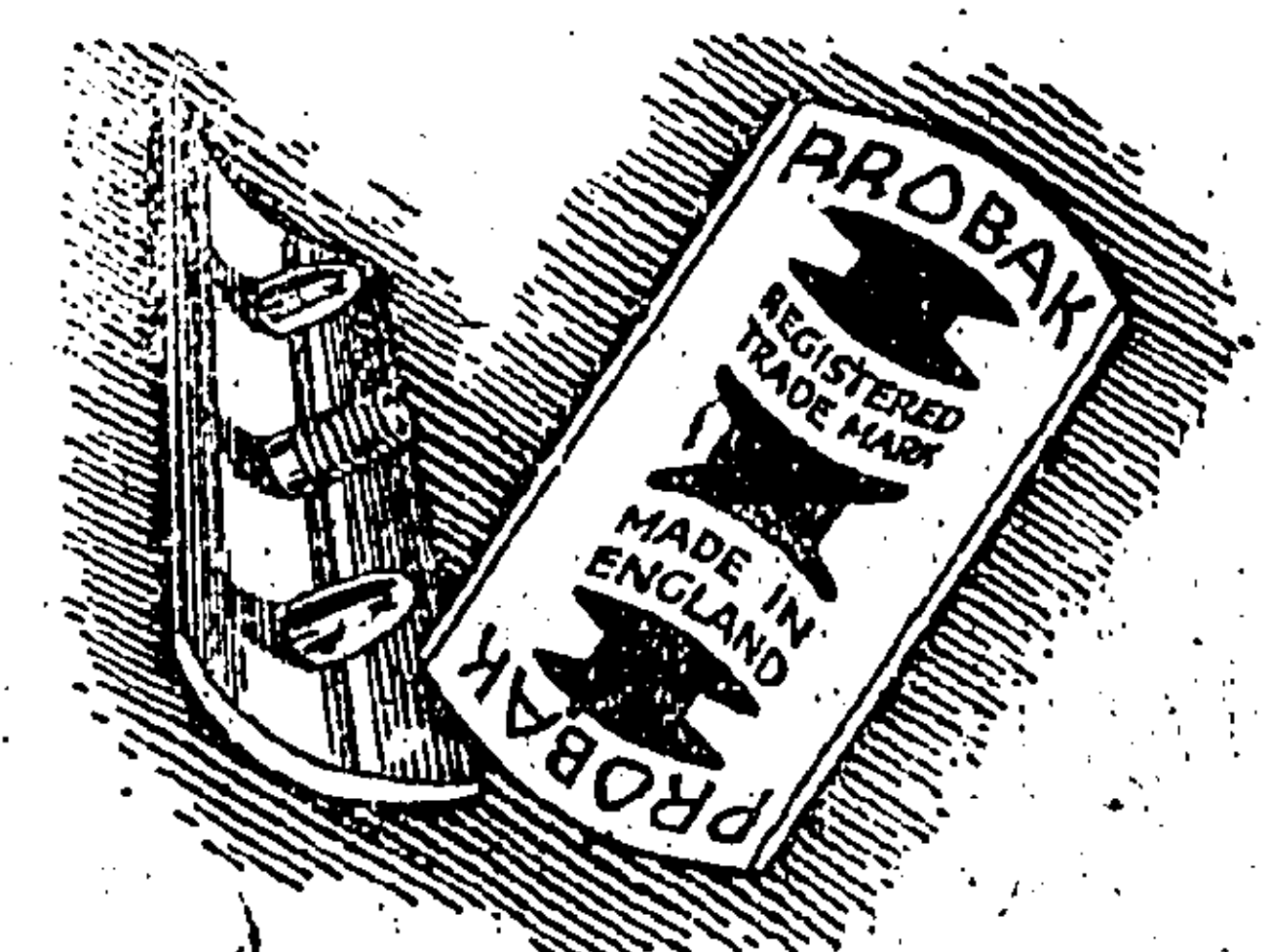
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Kalgaun Stag, grey,	A. A. R. Botelho	120
Happy Hit, dun,	Capt. Fowkes	230
Shiny Pearl, bay,	C. G. Fournier	440
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Vamoose, dun,	O. Kitchell	610
Black Beauty	A. E. M. Rafeek	140
Thunderbolt II, black,	Major Barry	130
May be not, grey,	Lt. Col. Godwin Austen	200
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Peter Pan, bay,	R. S. Crosswell	380
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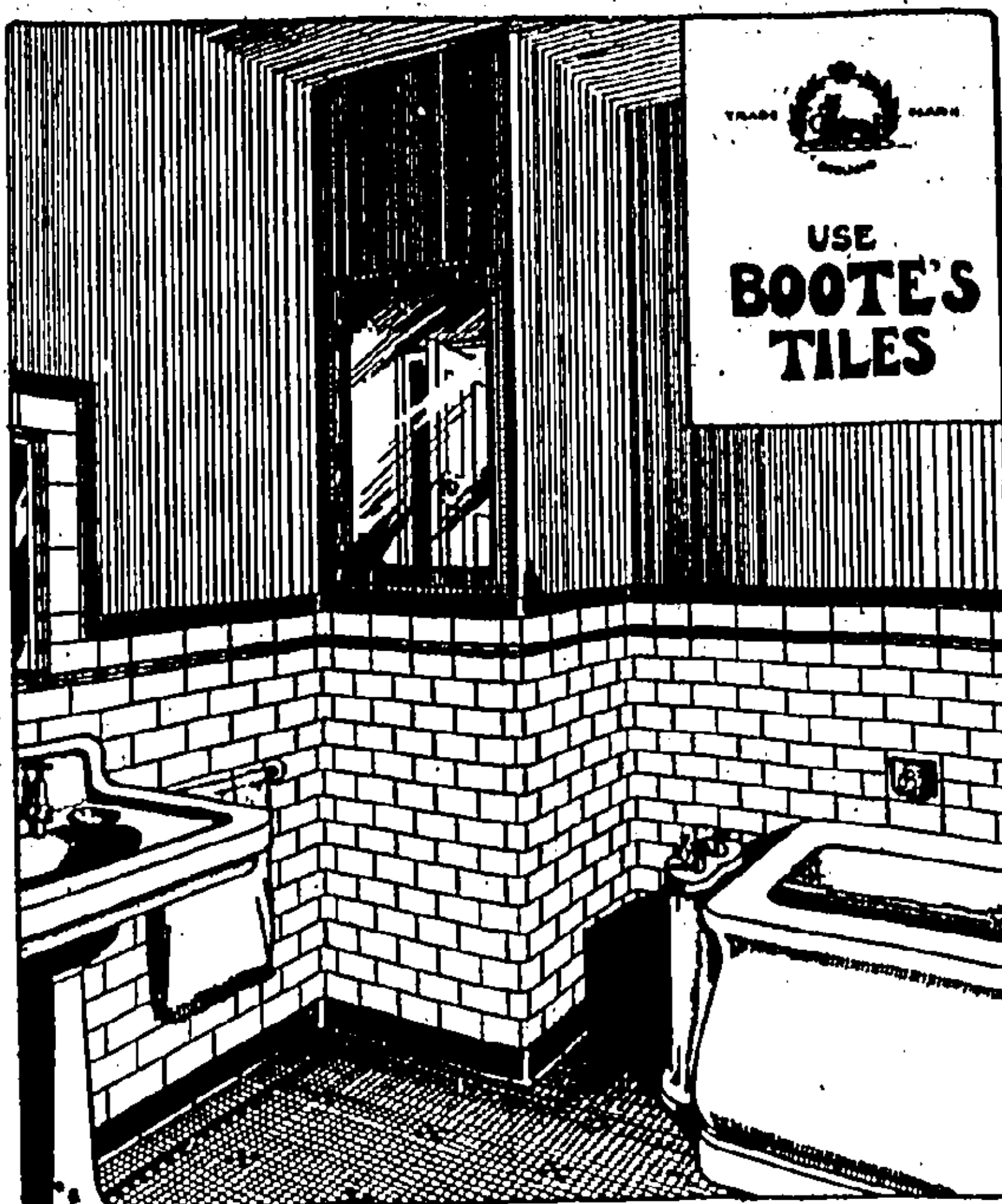
CASE AGAINST SHIP'S COMPRADEORE FAILS.

The case against Fung Tang, an assistant comprador of the S.S. Kwong Tung, and two others who are charged with trafficking in opium, again came before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon.

For the first accused, Mr. D. R. Evans submitted that the prosecution had not attempted to prove that he had guilty knowledge of the contents of the parcels in question, nor that he was responsible for the make-up of the manifest.

There was some discussion regarding the practice of "carrying" "piggy back" on these river boats. In the end, his Worship agreed that no case had been made out against the assistant comprador and this man, accordingly, was discharged.

The case against the two other accused, who are represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Sr. and Mr. C. E. L. Grist, respectively, was adjourned until next week.



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The memorandum points out that a deficit of \$143,000,000 is expected for the current fiscal year, and that urgent measures will be necessary to meet the financial stringency. It goes on to state that the existing export schedule was promulgated seventy years ago, and is unsuitable for present conditions; and declares that the increase will be very small and will not have any adverse effect on the trade or industry of China.

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Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra. 35933-35934.
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Victor Novelty Orchestra. 22201.
5.33-6.00 p.m. Pianoforte and Organ Solos.
Pianoforte Solo-Mistral (Debussy). (This Record is by Special Request).
Ignace Jan Paderewski. 1459.
Pianoforte Solo-Waltz in C Sharp Minor (Chopin).
Pianoforte Solo-Waltz in A Flat Major (Chopin).
Sergei Rachmaninoff. 1245.
Organ Solo-Swing of the Kilt (Ewing).
Organ Solo-Southward Bound (Franklyn).
Edward O'Herry. B3603.
Pianoforte Solo-Valse Oubliee (Liszt).
Pianoforte Solo-Capriccio in F Minor (Dohnanyi).
Valdimir Horowitz. 1455.
6.00-6.45 p.m. European Children's Programme from the Studio.
Miss Naraiah Dhillon will play "Valse" Op. 69 No. 2 by Chopin.
6.45-7.20 p.m. Concert Items.
Song-Down in the Valley (Meier).
Eddie Ackland (Contralto). C1702.
Violin Solo-Ruralia Hungarica. Molto Vivace (Dohnanyi).
Fritz Kreisler. 1428.
Song-Addio (Tosti).
Enrico Caruso (Tenor). 7155.
Cello Solo-Vito (Ponori).
Trio-Memories of Home (Gutman).
Neapolitan Trio. 35705.
Duet-What Is Done (Cavilleri).
Winnie Melville and Derek Oldham. C1650.
Violin Solo-Vocalise (Rachmaninoff).
Mitscha Elman. 1364.
Song-Richard of Taunton Dean (Arr. Molloy).
Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone). B3608.
7.20-8.00 p.m.
Symphony No. 4 in F Minor (Tchaikovsky).
Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Leopold Stokowski. 6929 to 6934.
8.00-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.
9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
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THE KIANGSI REDS.

REINFORCEMENTS SENT FOR FROM CANTON.

Canton, Mar. 18. That the casualties among Nationalist soldiers engaged in Communist suppression in Kiangsi must be very heavy is conveyed by a Canton report stating that General Chiang Kwang-nai, officer commanding the 62nd Kwangtung Division now in Kiangsi, has telegraphed to Canton suggesting that 3,000 to 4,000 soldiers should be recruited at the earliest possible opportunity to reinforce the 61st and 62nd Kwangtung Divisions. The two Kwangtung Divisions have their headquarters at Kanchow, from where an extensive campaign against bandits is being carried out with some success. The Canton Government has established an office in Honan and has appointed 24 commissioners who will be entrusted with recruiting 100 soldiers from each district in the vicinity of Canton. The new recruits will receive one month's training here before being sent to Kiangsi.

Lien Hsien Recaptured.

Canton, Mar. 18. In connexion with the Communist occupation of Lien Hsien, in northern Kwangtung some two weeks ago, it is now officially stated that the Government forces have recaptured the district. Two hundred houses were gutted by Communist incendiaries, the total damage being about \$1,000,000. Over 1,000 people have been rendered homeless.

Massacres in Hupeh.

Hankow, Mar. 18. A series of bandit outrages committed on the Yangtze has culminated in the massacre of 3,000 defenceless men and women and looting of a commercial town in southern Hupeh, Hefengchow, by followers of the notorious Communist leader, Ho Lung. The news comes from Shasi which is near the scene of devastation. Hundreds of refugees fortunate enough to get out of the doomed city in time have arrived at Shasi and made an appeal to the Chinese military command for immediate reinforcements for the troops at Hefengchow.

In central Hupeh and along the Peking-Hankow Railway a Nationalist Division is engaged in an expedition against bandits. Military operations are progressing at Sheung Kio Chen and Pang Chia Wan, and the military officers claim the recapture of Tsin Shan Tien.

THE TOKYO SHOOTING INCIDENT.

ASSAILANT INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Tokyo, Mar. 18. Sato, the assailant of the Soviet official Anikeff, was formally indicted to-day on a charge of attempted murder, and sent to prison.—*Reuter*.
[On March 16, Sato shot and dangerously wounded M. Paul Anikeff, the Soviet Commercial Counsellor, in the morning when he was leaving his residence. It seems that the assailant had been indignant for some time past at the Soviet attitude on the question of Japanese fishery rights.]

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NAVAL PARLEY.

AN OBSERVER APPOINTED BY JAPAN.

Tokyo, Mar. 18. It is now learned that Japan has instructed Mr. Kuriyama, the Counsellor at the Japanese Embassy in Paris, who is an authority on international law and jurisprudence, to proceed to London to attend the conference of experts being held to-morrow. He is empowered to make suggestions. This decision was apparently due to the fact that America has agreed to appoint a representative.—*Reuter*.

Earlier Difficulties.

An earlier message from Tokyo stated that Japan had intimated that she would not be able to participate in the meeting of naval experts, but was considering the advisability of appointing an observer empowered to offer suggestions. It is understood that Mr. Matsudaira approached Mr. Henderson with a request to postpone the meeting pending further consideration of the points involved but that Mr. Henderson was unable to comply. Japan's main hesitancy regarding the Franco-Italian agreement appears to be the question of capital ship tonnage exceeding the amount permitted by the Washington Treaty. If these figures were formally agreed to it would necessitate the ratification of a revised Treaty which is considered highly undesirable owing to difficulties involved in obtaining the Diet's approval.—*Reuter*.

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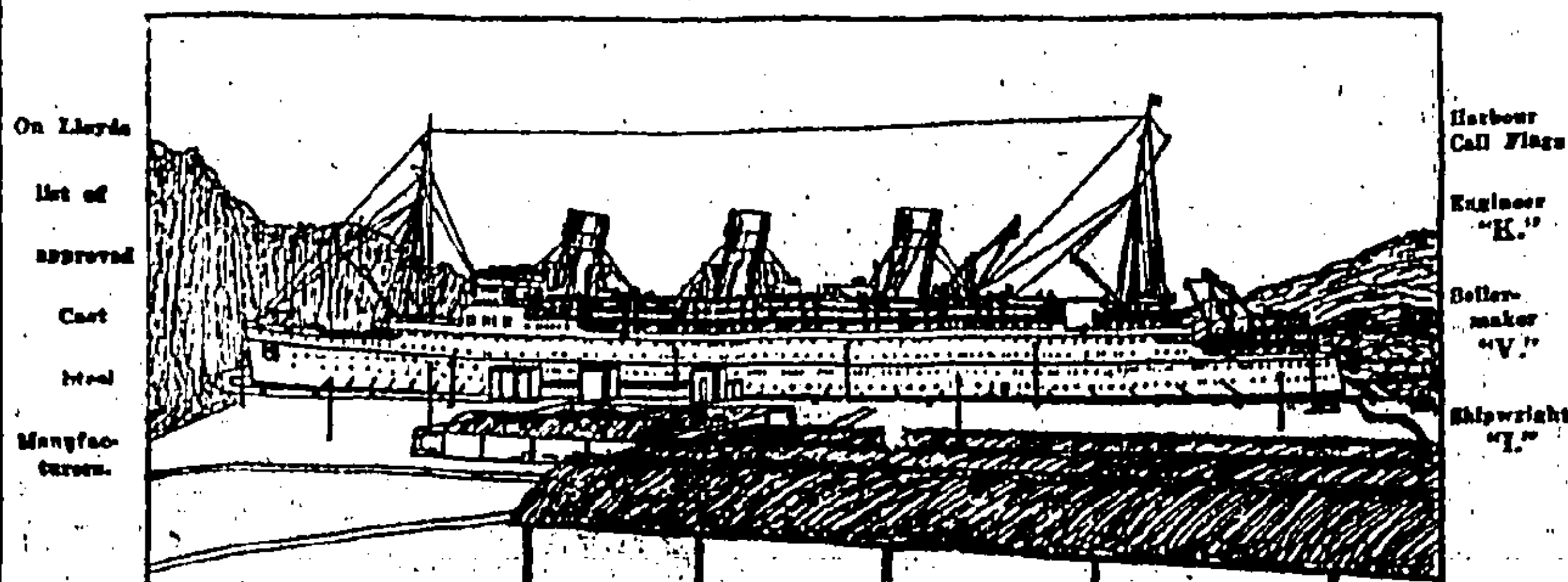
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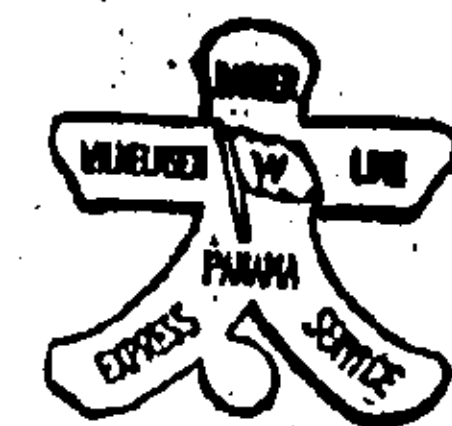
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RAJPUTANA	16,586	27th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SIRDHANA	7,745	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	6th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
RAJPUTANA	16,601	22nd May	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama

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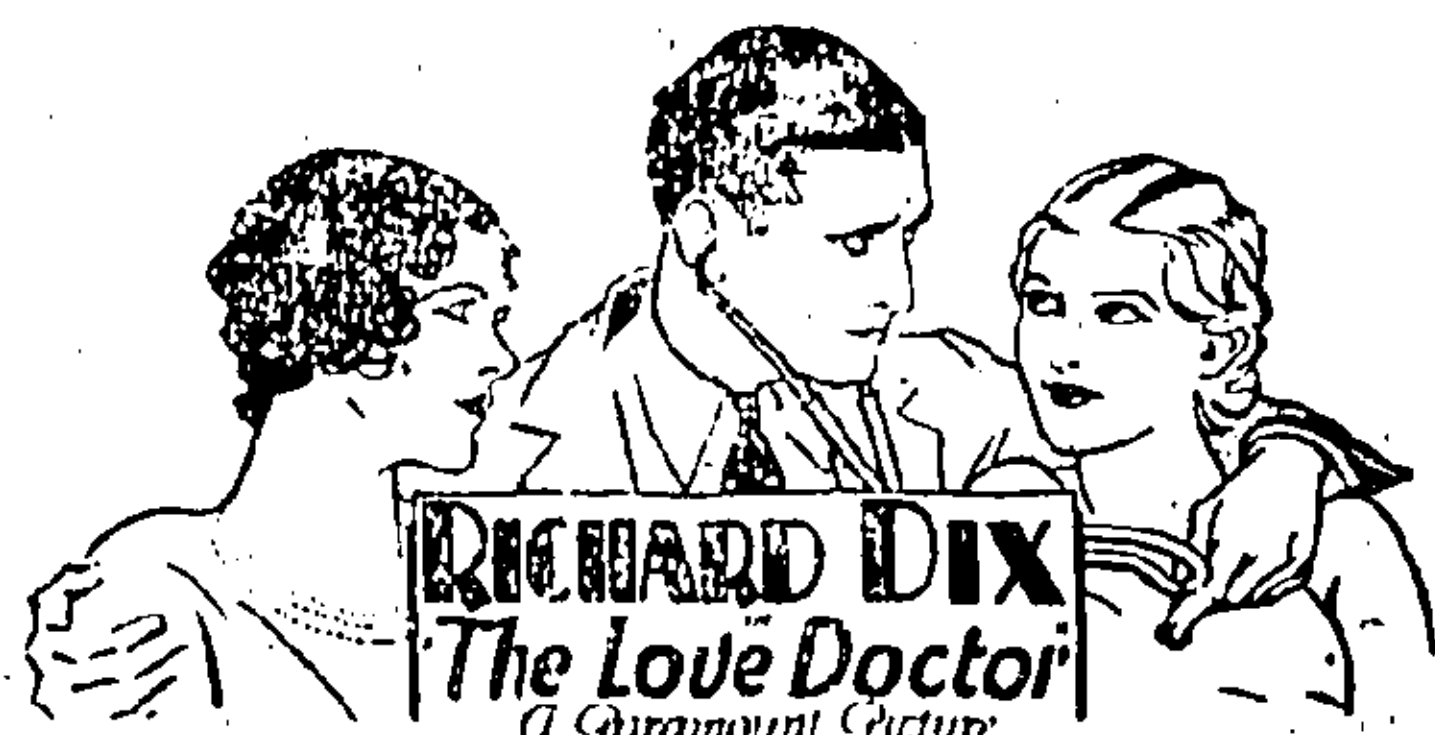


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HUSBAND SHOT IN LAW COURT.

BEFORE DIVORCE CASE.

Paris, Feb. 20.
A man was shot by his wife, from whom he was seeking a divorce, in the Palais de Justice this afternoon.
Two thousand people were waiting in an antechamber of the Paris

divorce magistrata who, according to French law, summons husband and wife to an interview to try to reconcile them before the case goes into court.
One woman, Madame Pavot, on seeing her husband approaching took a revolver from her handbag and fired three shots at him.
Two bullets struck M. Pavot and he is not expected to recover. The woman was disarmed and handed over to the police.

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CONDEMNED MAN A POPULAR HERO.

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES
IN MADRID.

THE KING'S PROMISE.

Madrid, Mar. 18.
The passing of the death sentence on Captain Sediles, alleged to be the ringleader of the Jaca revolt in December last, has been the signal for anti-Government demonstrations in many parts of Spain, especially among the students.
The disturbances in the centre of Madrid were so serious that the police were obliged several times to charge the crowd with batons.
All shops were closed at Jaca, where a procession headed by the Bishop, the Mayor and the Municipal Councillors, marched through the streets carrying placards demanding pardon for Captain Sediles.
Students demonstrated noisily at Santiago and all shops were closed.

Later.
In reply to pressmen, the Minister of Justice stated to-night that in response to a telephone message to London asking clemency for Captain Sediles, King Alfonso had given an assurance that he would sign a decree commuting the death sentence as soon as he returned to Spain.—*Reuter.*

INDIA NO LONGER IN CRUCIBLE.

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creeds and nations, whose classes and communities are entitled to our protection.

Too Late To Go Back.
Rightly or wrongly, we have educated Indians in Western ideals, introduced them to Western institutions, and admitted them to our councils. The language of their Legislative Assembly and of the Congress itself is our mother tongue.

Time after time we have made them promises. It is too late to go back. We must go forward. It is our traditional policy and it has been the secret of our success. Then will follow settled government, material prosperity and the reign of law.

Financial stability, defence, law and order, are undoubtedly important, but I am anxious for something more than a triumph for our trade, I am jealous for the reputation of our statesmanship.

Bar of Public Opinion.
It is by their moral actions not by their material successes that Empires are judged at the bar of public opinion and by the verdict of history. Let us grant a Federal Constitution to India, and let us hope that everything in it may be so ordered and settled upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, may flourish as abundantly in India as they have done here at home.

Mild Criticism.
Lord Peel said that if the Conservatives at the Conference had decided to give general approval to the proposals without a full knowledge of the safeguards, they would have weakened their authority to insist upon them later.

He could not help feeling that during the last few months the Government had been too ready, but would not say to apologise for, but would take a stand on our position in India which gave us rights and laid upon us duties and responsibilities.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

ATTACK ON MAYOR WALKER'S CONDUCT IN OFFICE.

ADMINISTRATION WASTEFUL
AND INCOMPETENT.

NEW YORK SENSATION.

New York, Mar. 18.
Formal charges that Mr. James Walker, Mayor of New York City for some years past, has discharged his duties in a "wasteful and incompetent fashion," are made by the City Affairs Committee, whose report was published to-day by Governor Franklin Roosevelt, a close friend of the Mayor.

The Committee, which is a private organisation of leading citizens, says that Mr. Walker's "conduct in office has been incompetent, inefficient and futile, as a result of this, the machinery of government has failed to function and the administration of the city has been brought into disrepute."

Last week, a petition was sent to Governor Roosevelt by the Society for the Prevention of Crime which, without impugning the Mayor's integrity, demanded "some proof that he really desires to clean up the city."

Public impatience with the administration has been manifest for some time. The general feeling appears to be that the Mayor, while willing enough to move if left to himself, is too much controlled by Tammany Hall.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MILITARY CUTLERY THEFT.

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED THIS MORNING.

Before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kewloon Magistracy this morning, Pte. E. G. Craig, in charge of sanitation at the Shamshui military camp, gave evidence in the case in which Chan Fuk and Lau Mau are respectively charged with having stolen and received articles of cutlery from the camp on March 17.

Witness stated that he had not given the first defendant permission to take the articles of cutlery from the rubbish dump. It was quite possible for the articles to get into the rubbish dump through the carelessness of the soldiers dropping spoons and forks on the ground and the Chinese boys picking them up and throwing them on the rubbish dump. The first defendant had lately come from Fanling Camp, and the troops there would not be anxious to bring back cutlery like the stolen goods, when there was a chance of getting new goods. It was quite possible the defendant got them from there. Witness, however, could not say whether the defendant did or did not do right in taking the articles from the rubbish dump.

Mr. Hamilton remanded the defendants for one week in order that the Quarter Master or some other witness might be called.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S LAST HOP.

LEAVE SHANGHAI FOR JAPAN.

Shanghai, Mar. 19.
The French airmen, Burtin and Moench, hopped off at 5.30 this morning for Japan, on the final stage of their Paris-Tokyo flight.—*Reuter.*

GRAND NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKE.

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London, Mar. 19.
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The grand total of receipts, including the grants to hospitals, all expenses and the prize-money, are expected to reach a figure of nearly £2,000,000.

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There will be ten first prizes in excess of the estimated £30,000 each.—*Reuter.*

CELTIC LAPSE AT EDINBURGH.

DROP IMPORTANT POINT TO HEARTS.

London, Mar. 18.
The failure of Celtic to defeat Hearts, and the 1-0 victory of the Rangers over Falkirk, intensifies the struggle for the Scottish League championship. The Rangers go to the head of the table with 49 points, Celtic have 45 and are two games in hand.

The results of league matches played to-day follow:

Scottish League.			
Kilmarnock	1	Aberdeen	
Rangers	1	Falkirk	
Cowdenbeath	3	St. Mirren	
Hearts	1	Celtic	
Dundee	5	Ayr United	
Division III (South).			
Southend	5	Exeter	
Division III (North).			
York City	3	Hull City	
—Ruler.			

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Business Matters.

On the proposition of Mr. J. H. Taggart, seconded by Mr. K. Stuart Smith, Messrs. J. E. Joseph and T. B. Wilson were re-appointed to the Board of Directors, and it was moved by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves, and agreed, that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming be re-elected auditors. This concluded the business.

Directors supporting the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, in the chair, were Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie, Messrs. Frank Austin, Allan Cameron, J. E. Joseph, H. H. Priestley, J. P. Warren and T. B. Wilson.

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